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1. SUMMARY: IN ANSWER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS IN REFTEL, FACTORS EXPLAINING THE HIGH PROPORTION OF IPP-77 CATEGORY I CASES ARE: INCLUSION OF IN-LAWS WHO NOW HAVE RELATIVES IN THE U.S., AND WHO COULD NOT QUALIFY UNDER PREVIOUS PAROLE PROGRAMS; AND THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF NEW LAO ARRIVALS IN THAILAND WHO CLAIM TO HAVE ANCHOR RELATIVES IN THE U.S. ON ANOTHER ISSUE, THE COMPARATIVELY LOW NUMBER OF LAO AND KHMER MARRIED SIBLINGS RESULTS FROM TOTALS THAT REFLECT ONLY THOSE MARRIED SIBLINGS WHO DO NOT FIT CATEGORIES II AND III. END SUMMARY

2. PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFTEL QUESTIONED AN "UNUSUALLY HIGH PROPORTION OF IPP-77 CATEGORY I CASES IN COMPARISON WITH (THE) TOTAL REFUGEE POPULATION WITH IMMEDIATE RELATIVES IN THE U.S. IN (THE) CASE OF LAO AND KHMER THERE APPEAR TO BE MORE IPP CATEGORY I CASES THAN THERE ARE MARRIED SIBLINGS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN EPP WAS THAT
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MARRIED SIBLINGS AND THEIR FAMILIES GREATLY OUTNUMBERED OTHER CATEGORY I."

3. THE HIGH NUMBER OF CATEGORY I REFUGEES IN LOEI REFLECTS THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF HMONG WHO WENT TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER ALL CATEGORIES DURING THE "OLD LAO PROGRAM" IN 1975, AND THE EPP IN 1976.

MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN-LAWS WHO COULD NOT PREVIOUSLY QUALIFY ARE NOW CATEGORY I'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE A DAUGHTER OR GRANDCHILD AS THE U.S. ANCHOR.

4. ADDITIONALLY, DURING THE LAST 18 MONTHS SINCE THE CLOSE OF EPP, MOST OF THE NEW ARRIVALS IN THAILAND HAVE BEEN LAO. ONE SHOULD EXPECT THAT A FAIR PERCENTAGE OF THEM WOULD BE CATEGORY I QUALIFIERS.

*94 3/-0)3, A FAMILY OF TEN MIGHT COMONLY CONSIST OF PARENTS WHO HAVE A DAUGHTER IN THE U.S. AND WHO HAVE BROUGHT TO THE CAMP SIX SINGLE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, PLUS A MARRIED SON. IN SUCH A FAMILY, THERE ARE EIGHT CATEGORY I'S AND 2 MARRIED SIBLINGS.

5. ANOTHER POINT TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT THE CATEGORY I FIGURES REFLECT ONLY THE REFUGEE'S STATEMENT BEFORE ANY RED CROSS VERIFICATION, AFFIDAVITS, OR INTERVIEWS BY THE APPROPRIATE ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE DROPOUTS WHEN RELATIONSHIPS CANNOT BE VERIFIED.

6. ON THE ISSUE OF THE NUMBER OF MARRIED SIBLINGS, THE DECEMBER 12 JVA REPORT, WITH 81 PER CENT OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 INLAND CAMP POPULATION COVERED, SHOWS THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY I STATISTICS:

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	IPP CAT I	MARRIED SIBLINGS (NOT QUALIFIED UNDER CATEGORIES)
UBON (PARTIAL)	212	0
UTTARADIT	1	0
SURIN	141	0
KAMPUT	60	0
KLONG YAI	76	0
SIKHIU	162	202
CHIENG KHONG	68	43
NAM YAO	466	1550
NONG KHAI (LAO)	996	658
NONG KHAI (HMONG)	946	305
ARANYAPRATHET	187	120
LOEI	2956	1217
TOTAL	6721	4329

7. WE HAVE LISTED SOME 2000 OTHER REFUGEES UNDER CATEGORY II AND III WHO COULD ALSO BE INCLUDED AS MARRIED SIBLINGS. THE 4329 TOTAL OF MARRIED SIBLINGS WHO DO NOT QUALIFY UNDER CATEGORIES IS THUS MUCH LOWER

THAN WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED, ESPECIALLY IN THE
CAMPS THAT HOLD HMONG. THE TOTAL MARRIED SIBLINGS AND

THEIR DEPENDENTS THEREFORE BECOMES APPROXIMATELY EQUAL
TO THE NUMBER OF CATEGORY I ELIGIBLES.

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